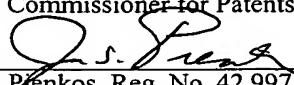
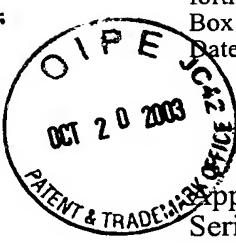


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In the above-referenced patent application, the Patent Office assigned a filing date of August 18, 2003 (as shown on a copy of the return postcard attached hereto). However, the Applicant respectfully submits that the correct filing date for this application in fact was August 12, 2003. This is demonstrated both by the copy of the postcard itself, which lists a filing date of August 12th, as well as by a copy of an Express Mail label (a copy of which also is attached hereto) used in mailing the application on August 12th. As shown, the Express Mail label includes a standard "date stamp" indicating the August 12th date.

Thus, the Applicant respectfully petitions that the filing date of the present Application be corrected to August 12, 2003. Given that it was apparently due to error on the part of the Patent Office that an incorrect filing date was assigned to the present Application, the Applicant respectfully submits that no fee is due in connection with this petition. However, if it is believed that a petition fee is due under 37 CFR 1.17(h), the Applicant hereby authorizes such fee to be charged to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Please feel free to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions or require any additional information in connection with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

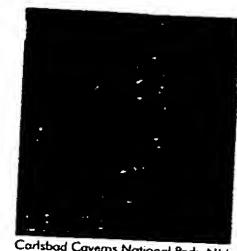
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